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Application No.: 10/618,706)	Group Art Unit: 1762
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Filed: July 15, 2003)	Examiner: Barr, Michael
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For: WHETSTONE PELLET, WHETSTONE,)	
PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THEM,)	
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL)	
ELEMENT USING WHETSTONE, AND)	
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING EXPOSURE)	
APPARATUS)	

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement dated June 4, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Embodiment I (claims 1-9), Embodiment II (claims 10-11), Embodiment III (claims 12-14) and Embodiment IV (claims 15-19). Applicant hereby elect Embodiment I (claims 1-9) for examination. Applicant respectfully requests formal examination of this application.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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